



HON. JAMES A. SCOTT

Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County, who has entire charge of the Habeas Corpus and Extradition Department of the State's Attorney's Office. Mr. Scott is so well known to the people of Chicago that it is hardly necessary to devote a great deal of space to his legal ability.

Mr. Scott formerly served as an Assistant State's Attorney under the late John E. W. Wayman. His record in the office at that time stood well above par. Mr. Scott is the author of a valuable Law Book on Habeas Corpus and Extradition and it has had a large sale in all parts of the United States. At the present time he is writing a new volume more elaborate and more exhaustive in all its details along the similar lines. Hon. Robert E. Crowe appointed Mr. Scott to his present position the latter part of December, 1920, in fact it was one of his first appointments; and he was placed in complete charge of the Habeas Corpus and Extradition department and from that time to the present has never questioned his legal ability or any of his actions in connection with it. In fact Mr. Crowe has never visited his department to ascertain why he had failed to do thus and so.

Mr. Scott was one of the Republican candidates in the Primaries, 1920, for one of the Judges of the Municipal Court and he made a splendid race in all parts of the city.

The fact that Mr. Scott received in the Primaries of September 15, 1920, 131,420 votes which was a remarkable recognition of the fact of his popularity with the people in all parts of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Scott reside in a beautiful home at 3710 Prairie avenue, and it is filled with many of the most valuable books written by great classical writers.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott take great pleasure in extending a most pleasant greeting to their host of friends at the present holiday season.



BROTHER J. I. HARPER

The honest and efficient deputy clerk of the Criminal Court of Cook County. Member of Royal Eagle Lodge, No. 96, Masons; member of its finance committee, who is full of race pride and reflects great credit on the colored race.

Bro. J. I. Harper, who is an active member of Royal Eagle Lodge No. 96, Free and Accepted Masons, was born at Windsor, Ontario, in 1862, but completed his education in Detroit, Michigan, where his father, Rev. H. Harper, who was a pastor of A. M. E. Church, Detroit, Michigan, and property owner. He was the organizer of the Indiana Conference A. M. E. Church. Brother Harper came to Chicago in 1890 and was connected with Quinn Chapel Church, at the present time he is a member of the Institutional Church and staged the first Negro drama, "Tallaboo," in this city in November, 1911, at the Pekin theater, where thousands of people were turned away nightly.

Three years ago Brother Harper was appointed as Deputy Clerk of the Criminal Court of Cook County and

under the present administration of the Hon. William R. Parker. His efficiency is par excellent. Hon. William R. Parker is considered one of the most fair minded persons of the opposite race and Brother Harper with his 30 years experience in coming in contact with prominent persons of the white race is thoroughly convinced that Mr. Parker is absolutely without race prejudice and he is perfectly willing to give every man a chance in order to let him make good. Brother Harper is married and has four children, namely James D., Leroy J., Van Alfred, and Revel H. Mr. and Mrs. Harper and the four children reside in a lovely home at 3560 Prairie avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Harper will be at home to their many friends during the holiday season.



MR. MORRIS LEWIS

Prominent Member of Grand Order of Odd Fellows Who for Over 22 Years Has Faithfully Served as Private Secretary to Commodore Ferdinand W. Peck. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Will Celebrate Their Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary Wednesday Evening, December 21.

BOOK CHAT--BY MARY WHITE OVINGTON--CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. AUTHOR OF "HALF A MAN," "HAZEL," "THE SHADOW," ETC.

"THE SHADOW"

By Mary White Ovington. Published by Harcourt, Brace and Howe, New York City. Price \$2.00. Postage 10 cents.

It is a little over a year since my novel, The Shadow, was published, and I have had a number of persons ask me the question, "How did you come to write it?" Now, as one is always flattered by being questioned regarding one's literary work, I have thought that my friends might be glad to have the reason why my fancy took the form it did. For my plot is unusual. We have had many white heroines turn out to be black, but as far as I know not until I wrote The Shadow has a black heroine turned out to be white. I chose this plot for a particular reason.

It has been my good fortune to know with some intimacy the world of the better class of colored folk. I have seen their attractive homes, I have noted their charm of manner, I have admired beyond expression their ambition for their children. I wanted to show this to the reading world when I wrote. But how? I feared that the public would not yet stand for a heroine who was colored, at least not the kind that I would want to draw. They might be prejudiced against a serious story dealing with the ambitions and loves of the colored folk. How then could I depict these characteristics and make my novel acceptable to the general reading public?

Back, far back in my mind was a story that I had heard of an illegitimate child, a white girl, who was hidden among colored people that all trace might be lost of her birth. This story, as told to me, described a sordid childhood. But why, I argued, could not the child have been reared by intelligent, high-minded Negroes? There was no reason why it might not be this way as well as any other, so I dropped Hertha into the Williams' cabin.

I have had many nice things said to me about my novel, but I have also frequently met with comment, "Why didn't you make your heroine more interesting. Why didn't you depict a stronger character?" Well, I didn't because I wanted to put her in contrast with her sister, Ellen, the colored teacher, who was working night and day for the uplift of the community in which she lived. It was perfectly natural that the slender, high-bred white girl, of a pretty but weak mother should not be aroused to any effort for the betterment of conditions about her, while the stronger more virile colored girl, trained to the ideal of service, should be a power for good in her community. It was the girl of white blood who was about to enter into illicit relations with a white man, when a turn of fortune saved her; and it was the same girl, who when she came North end entered the labor world, failed again to grasp the need of colored people, not feeling that she proved a poverty. She did not have the breadth of vision, the larger outlook upon life, of the colored school teacher or the Irish labor leader. If, however, my readers do not feel that she proved a true-hearted woman in the end, then my book is a failure indeed.

Mr. Walter F. White returns from London bringing me a huge poster to be carried on newstands from the England magazine, Outward Bound. It runs like this:

New Serial
THE SHADOW
By Mary White Ovington
Begins in the September
Outward Bound
Editor Basil Mathews
The Most Thrilling Color-Life
Story since Uncle Tom's Cabin
One Shilling. For sale everywhere
The English people are keenly interested in our race problem and are eager to read the latest work concerning it. This is surely a good sign, for what we need is a study of race in its broadest aspect by the people of the world.



DR. JAMES M. HALL

Graduate of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., member of North Star Lodge No. 1, Masons, wishes to thank his many patients for their patronage for the past year and that they will enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dr. Hall graduated at New Orleans University, New Orleans, La., May, 1909, from college department, graduated from McCarry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., April, 1913. Passed Illinois State Board December, 1920. Began practicing April, 1921.

His office is located at 4545 S. Wabash avenue. He is a member of the Medical Society of Chicago and is popular with its members.

At this time he wishes his patients and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



DR. BENJAMIN R. BLUIT

One of the very popular physicians of Chicago, who wishes to thank his patients for their support of the past year, and for the new year to come. fine practice among the best people in this city, and Dr. Cade

MRS. STOKES APPOINTED.

Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes of Richmond, Va., a graduate of the V. N. & C. I., of Petersburg, Va., class of 1900 has been appointed by the president of the school, Prof. John M. Gandy, as non-resident lecturer and a member of the faculty. Mrs. Stokes has always worked untiringly in the up-building of the Race, along this line she has worked in conjunction with Hartshorn Memorial College and Union University of Richmond, Va., since leaving school. She served as corresponding secretary of the Alumni Association of the V. N. & C. I. for six years during which time she not only attracted the attention of the faculty, state board, members and students, but she attracted the attention Stokes has seen the Alumni Association grow from a membership of twenty-five to more than fifteen hundred and its collections from twenty-five dollars to twenty-eight hundred dollars, the amount raised in its last bi-annual meeting. Because of her efficient work and activities, the president of the association, M. T. Bailey, has invited Mrs. Stokes to deliver the principal address before the association in June, 1922 at Petersburg. This is the second time in the history of the association that a woman has delivered the principal address. The School, the Association, the faculty and in fact all connected with the school will be greatly benefited by the appointment of Mrs. Stokes.

The V. N. & C. I., under the present administration with Prof. John M. Gandy as president, the efficient faculty composed of teachers, who have been graduated from almost every leading college and University in the United States, is doing a great good along educational progress.

RETURN TO THE EAST.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Smith of Buffalo, N. Y., after spending several weeks in the city as the guest of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Coffey, 3340 South Park Ave., left during the week by the way of Cleveland, Ohio, for their home. The Smiths were delightfully entertained with dinners and parties by friends.

MRS. WALKER SOME BETTER.

Mrs. S. B. Walker, sister of Mrs. Nettie Anderson, 3234 Vernon Ave., who underwent a serious operation at St. Luke's Hospital a few weeks ago, is some better since being removed to her residence.

HOLDS ELECTION.

The Building Association of U. B. F. & S. M. T. meet at headquarters, 3638 S. State St. Sunday afternoon and elected J. B. Street as president together with other officers and directors. The Association is making rapid progress along its line of work.

SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

At this writing, Samuel Foster, 124 E. 41st St., a member of The Sisters and Brothers of Bethany, who has been very ill for several weeks, is slightly improved.

HOLDS METING.

The General Annual Session Committee of A. U. K. & D. of A. of which Rev. T. L. Scott is chairman, met at Grant's A. M. E. Chapel, 4600 Evans Ave., Saturday evening and re-organized for the purpose of making preparations for the meeting of the next annual session to be held at Columbus, Ohio, 1922.

COL. MRASHALL ELECTED.

Col. John R. Marshall, 3630 Calumet Ave., widely known for his activities displayed in the 8th Regiment National Guard, was elected as exalted ruler of Fort Dearborn Lodge No. 44, I. B. P. O. E. W.

DR. BENJAMIN R. BLUITT

Dr. B. R. Bluitt came to Chicago four years ago from Dallas, Tex., where he had been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for thirty years.

He immediately connected himself with the most representative men of the profession and with them organized an association which purchased the Fort Dearborn Hospital, 3831 Vernon avenue and he was elected president, serving in that position until very recently.

When the hospital was reorganized and turned over to the general public, Judge Holmes being his successor.

Dr. Bluitt is regarded as one of the best surgeons in the city and has done many rare and difficult operations successfully. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Dearborn Hospital and surgical staff.

He has given freely of his time and money to that institution, and will do all he can to assist in making the Fort Dearborn Hospital one of the best in the city.

MAN OF THE HOUR



Attorney A. L. Williams, 184 W.

Washington street, who has the distinction of being a Director and associate Counsel of the Public Life Insurance Company, a \$500,000.00 corporation. An executive officer of the Fort Dearborn Hospital, a corporation.

Chief Rhabban-elect of Arabic Temple No. 44, of the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine, the largest Temple in the world of

colored Masons. Eminent lawyer at the bar who has attained national fame as the result of his magnificent success in his winning fight for the people in twenty-one (21) suits brought against the City of Chicago.

Being the only lawyer of the Race who has succeeded in compelling a city to respond in money, damages for the loss of life and injury to persons as a result of lynching and mob violence.—"D."

ONE OF THE LEADING MASONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Hon. James E. Bish of 4820 Wabash avenue is actively engaged in securing authentic information of the membership, worth and origin of the Negro grand lodges of the United States (of the Prince Hall leaniage) which he expects when complete will show the total membership, the value of property and the financial standing of the fraternity. He has secured this information from several of the states already and hopes to complete his work early in the spring. Mr. Bish is an ex-member of the Illinois Legislature, past master of his lodge, past Deputy Grand master of the state, past Eminent Commander of his Commandery of Knights Templar, and Past Commander in Chief of Western Consistory A. A. S. R. Masons of Chicago. He is the bookkeeper for Williamson's Undertaking Establishment.

NEW COLORED Y. M. C. A.

Atlanta, Ga.—The colored Y. M. C. A. here has been under construction for sometime, and now is about ready for occupancy. A campaign for \$10,000 for completion and furnishings has been launched. Appeals have been made in the churches by teams from each of the colleges of Atlanta. The campaign was put over in great shape. The teams participating were as follows: Morris Brown University, highest amount to its credit, next in order of collections of pledges, Spelman Seminary, Clark University, Morehouse College and Atlanta University.

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